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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: MUZOREWA'S APPEARANCE BEFORE THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

1. BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS REQUESTED THAT WE
SUPPORT THEIR AMBASSADOR IN KUWAIT WHO HAS ALREADY MADE
PRESENTATION TO DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
SEEKING KUWAITI SUPPORT FOR RIGHT OF BISHOP MUZOREWA TO
APPEAR BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL DURING RHODESIAN
DEBATE. ACCORDING TO BRITISH EMBASSY, KUWAITI PERM REP
IN NEW YORK TOLD UKUN THAT HE WAS UNDER GREAT PRESSURE
FROM THE AFRICAN GROUP TO COME DOWN AGAINST MUZOREWA'S
APPEARANCE, AND HAD REFERRED THE MATTER BACK TO KUWAIT.

2. YESTERDAY IN MEETINGS HERE IN WASHINGTON, SECRETARIES
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VANCE AND OWEN AGREED THAT WE WOULD SUPPORT MUZOREWA'S
RIGHT TO APPEAR AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED AFRICAN
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ZIMBABWE (HIS POLITICAL MOVEMENT)
UNDER RULE 39 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE.
(RULE 39 PROVIDES THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL MAY INVITE
COMPETENT PERSONS TO SUPPLY IT WITH INFORMATION ON A
MATTER UNDER DISCUSSION.)

3. YOU SHOULD MAKE PRESENTATION IN FAVOR OF KUWAITI SUPPORT FOR A MUZOREWA APPEARANCE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, DRAWING ON THE POINTS OUTLINED ABOVE. YOU SHOULD, OF COURSE, INFORM YOUR BRITISH COLLEAGUE OF YOUR INTENTION. IN YOUR APPROACH TO KUWAITIS YOU MAY WISH TO ADD THAT THE COUNCIL HAS ALREADY AGREED TO HEAR FROM OTHER PARTIES TO THE RHODESIAN QUESTION INCLUDING JOSHUA NKOMO AND ROBERT MUGABE OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ALL AFRICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. IN OUR VIEW IN LIGHT OF THIS ACTION, IT WOULD BE INEQUITABLE NOT TO ALLOW MUZOREWA TO SPEAK. MOREOVER, BLOCKING HIS APPEARANCE COULD RAISE SERIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE IMPARTIALITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND WEAKEN ITS EFFECTIVENESS. VANCE

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